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1. NEWSPAPERS

LA TIMES (OZZIE JOHNSTON) HAK ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM "PRIVELY BUT EBULLIENTLY OPTIMISTIC" BUT WITH THE "PUBLIC DEMEANOR" OF A MAN BEARING BAD TIDINGS. HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT WAS "HALF APOLOGETIC, HALF PLEADING," WHILE "DEMONSTRATORS DOGGED HIS EVERY APPEARANCE."

ISRAELI RELUCTANCE AND FEARS ARE EMPHASIZED. "THE DEAL ... IS WIDELY REGARDED AS ALL ISRAELI GIVE AND MOSTLY EGYPTIAN TAKE." HAK "POINTEDLY WARNED" ISRAEL OF THE "RISKS OF INACTION."

JOHNSTON COVERS ALL BASES IN DESCRIBING THE OUTLOOK: "PRIVELY, KISSINGER SEES SEVERAL KEY ISSUES STILL UNRESOLVED AND RECOGNIZES A REAL DANGER OF DEADLOCK ON ANY OF THEM. BUT A HIGH OFFICIAL WITH HIS PARTY MADE IT PLAIN SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL THAT THERE IS NO RISK NOW OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TOTAL DISAGREEMENT ON ANY ISSUE."

PROBLEM AREAS ARE:

-- ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LISTENING POSTS

-- ACCESS TO ABU RUDEIS AND SHARM EL SHEIK

-- BUFFER ZONE ARRANGEMENTS

-- FOLLOW-UP TALKS WITH SYRIA

HAK'S TIMETABLE: AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BEFORE UN SPECIAL SESSION; THEN FINE-TUNING, IF NECESSARY, AND INITIALLING OF AGREEMENTS BEFORE HOLY DAYS, WITH CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF ANY AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. FINALLY, MEETING OF EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI TECHNICAL TEAMS ON DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION.

BALTIMORE NEWS AMERICAN (WALLACH) THE HEARST PAPER'S EIGHT-COLUMN FRONT PAGE HEADLINE READS "MIDEAST VIOLENCE INTENSIFIES AS KISSINGER BEGINS SHUTTLE". UPI STORY ON THE ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE GUERRILLA ATTACK AND ISRAELI RETALIATION FOLLOW.

ON PAGE THIRTEEN WALLACH REPORTS THAT A NEW ISRAEL-EGYPT ACCORD MAY BE THE FIRST STEP IN BREAKING THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF FIRMS DEALING WITH ISRAEL. A CAIRO COMMITMENT TO RELAX THE BOYCOTT WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A PERSONAL LETTER FROM SADAT TO FORD, ACCORDING TO REPORTS.

WIRES

UPI (GROWALD) A "REASONABLY HOPEFUL" HAK CAME TO ROS EL TIN PALACE TO CONVEY ISRAELI TERMS TO SADAT. AFTER THE TWO HOUR FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MEETING SADAT SAID "THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS, BUT SOME PROBLEMS REMAIN."

"HOPES FOR ANY QUICK OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT RECEIVED A SEVERE SETBACK TODAY" AS A RESULT OF THE SYRIA-JORDAN ANNOUNCEMENT.

ABOARD THE PLANE FROM JERUSALEM HAK, REACTING TO ISRAELI DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST HIS EFFORTS, EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ISRAELIS' DILEMMA AND EXPLAINED THAT IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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LONG PERSPECTIVE THE ISRAELIS WOULD SEE THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS IN THEIR INTEREST.

GROWALD REPEATS HARVARD-DEMONSTRATIONS QUIP.

AP (SCHWEID) "WITH AN ORANGE SUNSET IN THE BACKGROUND" HAK AND SADAT EMBRACED AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM. KEY ISSUES IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE THE LISTENING POSTS AND U.S. AID FOR EGYPT.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS REVEALED THAT THE "U.S. AND ISRAEL ARE DRAFTING A FORMAL AGREEMENT TO COORDINATE' RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE FUTURE SOVIET INTERVENTION.

RABIN CLAIMS AN AGREEMENT WOULD BRING "A SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL CHANGE," WHILE SADAT SAYS IT WOULD BE PURELY MILITARY.

REUTERS JOHN CHADWICK IN JERUSALEM REPORTS CLAUSE BY CLAUSE EXAMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND MAPS BY U.S. AND ISRAELI TEAMS. CONTINUING DEMONSTRATIONS ARE MENTIONED AS WELL AS "AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO TENSIONS THAT AROSE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING THE ABORTIVE KISSINGER SHUTTLE IN MARCH (WHEN) MR. ALLON TOLD REPORTERS THAT TODAY'S TALKS WERE CONDUCTED "IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE -- JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS." ISRAELI AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS HOPEFUL.

RINKA FRIED ALSO IN JERUSALEM QUOTES THIS EVENING'S RABIN TV INTERVIEW AT LENGTH. RABIN SAYS BOTH SIDES WOULD BE COMMITTED TO RENOUNCE FORCE.

OTHER POINTS BY RABIN:

- ISRAEL BELIEVES THE AGREEMENT IS INDEPENDENT OF DEVELOPMENTS ON SYRIAN FRONT
- ISRAEL'S MILITARY STRENGTH WILL ENCOURAGE EGYPT TO KEEP 0ARGAIN
- PEACE WITH SYRIA AND JORDAN WILL TAKE A LONG TIME AND WILL NOT HAVE TO BE ACHIEVED UNDER TIME PRESSURE.

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ABC EVENING NEWS: REASONER, THIRD ITEM ON PROGRAM: SECSTATE HAK MET FOR FIVE HOURS WITH ISRAELI PM RABIN IN JERUSALEM TODAY, THEN FLEW TO ALEXANDRIA IN EGYPT AND A MEETING WITH PRES. SADAT. KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD A NEW ACCORD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

THERE WAS A POSSIBLE NEW COMPLICATION AS SYRIA AND JORDAN CRITICIZED PIECemeAL DEALS WITH ISRAEL, SUCH AS THE ONE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY EGYPT, AS MOVES TO DIVIDE THE ARABS. THE SYRIANS AND THE JORDANIANS, FORMERLY BITTER ENEMIES WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD, ALSO SAID THEY'RE SETTING UP A JOINT COMMAND TO COORDINATE BOTH POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTION. (NO KOPPEL)

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS: BROKAW LEADS THE NEWS WITH: SECSTATE HAK IS IN EGYPT TONIGHT AFTER RESUMING SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN AN EFFORT TO WRAP UP AN INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. HAK FLEW FROM ISRAEL TO EGYPT AFTER MEETING FOR ALMOST FIVE HOURS WITH ISRAELI

OFFICIALS EARLIER TODAY. AT THE END OF THAT MEETING, ISRAELI PM RABIN INSISTED THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL INCLUDE A PLEDGE FROM EGYPT NOT TO USE OR THREATEN FORCE AGAINST ISRAEL. ISRAELI DEMONSTRATORS HAVE BEEN PROTESTING THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL REQUIRE NOTHING OF EGYPT.

VALERIANI (FROM ALEXANDRIA, WITH FILM OF HAK ARRIVAL AND MEETING WITH SADAT): KISSINGER FLEW THE LAST LEG OF THE TRIP FROM JERUSALEM TO ALEXANDRIA BY HELICOPTER. DURING THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT, NEWSMEN ABOARD HAK'S PLANE WERE TOLD THAT HE WAS NOT BOtherED BY THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL. KISSINGER HIMSELF SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT ISRAELIS IN GENERAL INCLUDING SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS, WOULD COME TO SEE THAT A NEW AGREEMENT WAS IN THE BEST LONG-TERM INTEREST OF ISRAEL. HE BROUGHT WITH HIM ISRAEL'S NEWEST PROPOSALS, WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED EARLIER IN THE DAY DURING A FIVE-HOUR SESSION WITH THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING TEAM.

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IT WAS HIS FIRST MEETING WITH SADAT SINCE LAST MARCH, WHEN THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT TOLD HIM NOT TO COME BACK AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN. SINCE THEN, MOST OF THE NEGOTIATING HAS GONE ON BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. AFTER POSING FOR PICTURES, HAK AND SADAT CHATTED WITH NEWSMEN:

QUESTION: "WHAT DO YOU SEE AS MORE ENCOURAGING THIS TIME AS COMPARED TO LAST TIME?"

HAK: "WELL, I THINK THAT THIS TIME WE ARE STARTING WITH A GAP MUCH NARROWER THAN IT TURNED OUT TO BE LAST TIME."

VALERIANI: BEFORE RETURNING TO ISRAEL TOMORROW BY WAY OF SYRIA, HAK HOPES TO GET SADAT'S FORMAL APPROVAL FOR A FORMULA THAT WOULD SET UP SIX EARLY-WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE SINAI DESERT. ONE TO BE MANNED JOINTLY BY AMERICANS AND EGYPTIANS, ONE TO BE MANNED JOINTLY BY AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS, AND THE OTHER FOUR TO BE MANNED EXCLUSIVELY BY AMERICANS. THE ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO ASK FOR FORMAL AND BINDING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN THE MONITORING POSTS.

BROKAW: SYRIA WAS NOT EXACTLY PREPARING A WARM WELCOME #OR HAK TODAY AS IT JOINED JORDAN IN WARNING EGYPT AGAINST REACHING A SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. SYRIA AND JORDAN ALSO ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A NEW JOINT COMMAND THAT WILL DECIDE POLITICAL AND MILITARY QUESTIONS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES.

CBS NEWS: ROGER MUDD LEAD PROGRAM: AMID OPTIMISTIC SPECULATION THAT A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT NOW IS POSSIBLE, HAK TODAY MET WITH THE LEADERS OF FIRST ISRAEL AND THEN EGYPT.

KALB: THE DIPLOMATIC PART OF HAK'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY GOT STARTED TODAY, THE FIRST SESSION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND PM RABIN, CAMERAS CATCHING NOTHING OF THE VARIOUS STRAINS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. KISSINGER, EAGER TO GET AN INTERIM AGREEMENT TO AVERT ANOTHER ME WAR; THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ISRAELIS GOING ALONG WITH THE DEAL, BUT WITH DEEP ANXIETY, BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY CAN'T SAY NO TO KISSINGER THIS TIME, AS THEY DID LAST MARCH, WITHOUT RISKING A CUT IN US SUPPORT. FOR THE ISRAELIS THESE BILATERAL TALKS ARE THE REALLY SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, DEALING WITH STEPPED-UP LEVELS OF US ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. NO MENTION MADE OF THE ANTI-KISSINGER DEMONSTRATIONS THAT HAVE ERUPTED IN ISRAEL SINCE HIS ARRIVAL YESTERDAY; MORE SUCH PROTESTS TODAY AGAINST THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, SEVERAL TRUCKLOADS OF DEMONSTRATORS TRYING TO STORM THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IN TEL AVIV, DEMANDING THAT ISRAEL NOT GIVE UP THE STRATEGIC PASSES IN THE SINAI IN RETURN FOR EGYPTIAN PROMISES THAT MOST ISRAELIS FEEL ARE WORTHLESS.

SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY THEN SHUTTLED DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN TO THE ONCE OPULENT COASTAL CITY OF ALEXANDRIA. THE SENSE OF FRUSTRATION OF LAST MARCH, WHEN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY COLLAPSED, WAS REPLACED THIS TIME BY A SENSE OF EXPECTANCY -- PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT AT THE PALACE GIVING HIS BOOMING GREETING TO THE MAN HE CALLS "MY FRIEND HENRY". ISRAEL'S ANGUISH OVER THE UPCOMING DEAL WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH SADAT'S PLEASED ANTICIPATION OF GETTING BACK THE SINAI PASSES AND THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS. FOR SADAT, THE AMERICAN CONNECTION IS PAYING OFF.

QUESTION: "WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS?"

SADAT: "WELL, AS I TOLD YOU, I AM ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC."

HAK: "WELL, I THINK THAT THIS TIME WE ARE STARTING WITH A GAP MUCH NARROWER THAN IT TURNED OUT TO BE LAST TIME... AND THEREFORE, WHILE ONE CAN NEVER BE SURE, I THINK THE CHANCES LOOK TO ME..."
HAK'S DOUBLE DIPLOMACY TODAY WAS A KIND OF INVENTORY OF WHAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED, AND WHAT ISSUES ARE STILL OUTSTANDING. FOR EXAMPLE, WHO WILL BE MANNING THE EARLY-WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE SINAI PASSES, AND WHETHER AMERICAN CIVILIANS WILL BE PART OF THE PACKAGE.

IN BOTH COUNTRIES THERE'S THE EXPECTATION THAT, THIS
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TIME, SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WILL PRODUCE A DEAL.

MUDD: THE TWO OTHER ARAB PRINCIPALS IN THE ME, SYRIA AND JORDAN, TODAY WARNED EGYPT AGAINST MAKING A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN AND SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD ENDED A FIVE-DAY MEETING IN DAMASCUS AND SAID ANY FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL MUST BE MADE BY ALL THE ARAB COUNTRIES, AND THEY WARNED THAT ANYTHING SHORT OF THIS WOULD ONLY MAKE THE SITUATION MORE PERILOUS.

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